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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Yes. A statement [a] showing the fall in sales tax collections in each district from the time of decontrol or closure of the fair price shops, as the case may be, till the end of February 1953, is placed on the table of the House. The fall in collections has been arrived at with reference to the figures relating to the year 1951–52."

Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district.

* 542 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many were arrested and convicted in the year 1952–53 for Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The number of persons arrested in Visakhapatnam district in 1952–53 for offences under the Madras Prohibition Act was 6,562 and the number of persons convicted, 3,126."

Alleged mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 543 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 24th July 1952, from Sri A. R. Srinivasan, proprietor of Kalpana Photo Studio, Ariyalur, regarding the mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) A petition, dated 24th July 1952, from one Sri A. R. Srinivasan was received by Government.

" (b) It was referred to the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Tanjore, who after making necessary enquiries, framed charges against Sri K. Sivagnana Moopanar, one of the trustees of the Sri Soleeswara temple, Vikramangalam, mainly responsible for mismanagement and removed him from office. One other trustee who was in close collaboration with Moopanar tendered resignation of his trusteeship and has been replaced by a suitable person."

Proceedings against Kisan Sabha workers in Tanjore district.

* 544 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAJ: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were lodged in Tanjore district during the years 1952 and 1953 on the Kisan Sabha workers; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 375 infra.